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# Office Action Summary

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DAVIS, BRUCE R.

Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings of Figs. 2-4 were received on February 9, 2004. These drawings are acceptable. However, the original drawing is still objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The original drawing must show the Fig. 1 marking in the drawing figure as the new drawing Figures presented necessitates such. No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. Applicant's February 9, 2004 Amendment and related REMARKS have been reviewed. The previous rejection is withdrawn as a result thereof.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Musgrove et al., US 6,535,880.

Musgrove discloses a method for electronic purchases comprising a merchant servers 40 providing electronic access, a plurality of merchants, col. 4, lines 59-65, a purchaser server network 20 accessed by purchasers 12 having a purchaser identification 54, product particulars and profiles, e.g. real-time pricing, col. 5, lines 27-46, col. 7, lines 52-67, each having a unique merchant identification (URL), e.g. col. 5, lines 12-27, 64-67, col. 6, lines 1-29.

Musgrove does not specifically disclose an e-mail receipt, nor product pick-up locations and the viewing of particulars by the merchants, but does disclose destination address and the ability to change destination service, e.g. col. 6, lines 55-58, along with storing the information in any database format, e.g. col. 9, lines 15-41. However, Musgrave's system does allow for the particulars of the products offered by the merchants to be viewed by the merchants over a "real-time" period. Also, intended us, e.g. "allowing . . . to be" from claim 1, line 15, do not positively recite claim limitations that provide patentable subject matter. Thus, it is noted that there is no exact time period duration limitation for the manipulation of the particulars of the products offered. As is, Musgrove's system may allow for manipulation of the particulars by altering the web page listing the products offered over a period of time. Musgrove does allow for secure electronic purchases and location identification, e.g. col. 4, lines 42-58.

Official Notice is taken that using e-mail as a means for as transaction record and picking-up a product at a selected preferred location after ordering the product is common knowledge in the art of commerce.

To have provided a merchant ID, zip code ID and e-mail receipt of a transaction having a secure pick-up location for Musgrove would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Doing such would implement common knowledge product pick-up technology used in electronic commerce transactions. Determining the street address and city location of a participating merchant or another preferred secure pick-up location selected preferred location pick-up.

Regarding e-mail receipt, Musgrove does disclose communication in any known format, e.g. col. 9, lines 15-45. It is deemed an obvious expedient to have provided an e-mail receipt matching the purchaser with the merchant. The motivation for doing such is that Musgrove uses an electronic communication system to effectuate commerce and e-mail was a common knowledge tool used to conduct commerce in order to have a record of purchase transactions. Thus, providing an e-mail mechanism to construct a historical record of a commerce transaction for Musgrove would have been obvious one of ordinary skill in the art.

4. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to

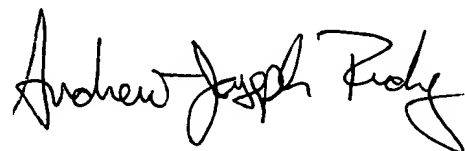
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37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 703-308-7808. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m until 6 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "A" and "R".